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AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN FROM UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER GENERAL

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1. PRESENTATION MADE TO AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ OCTOBER 10. FULL DETAILS WERE GIVEN OF SITES AVAILABLE IN EXHIBITING SPACE ALREADY CONSTRUCTED BY ORGANIZER, EXPO '74. HIS RESPONSE STRIKINGLY SIMILAR TO THAT OF AMBASSADOR PLIMSOLL OF AUSTRALIA YESTERDAY.
2. PRESENTATION COVERED INVESTMENT POTENTIAL OF EXHIBIT, TOURISM AND FULL SPECTRUM OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WHICH GOP MIGHT ORGANIZE.
3. AMBASSADOR, REMINDED OF FINE GOP EXHIBIT AT SEATTLE IN 1962, STATED HE WOULD TODAY WIRE STRONG RECOMMENDATION TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND WOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN SIMILAR RECOMMENDATION BY FOREIGN MINISTER ROMULO WHEN HE SEES HIM AT UN TOMORROW.
4. AMBASSADOR NOTED FACT THAT ONE THIRD OF PHILIPPINE POPULATION IN U.S. LIVES IN CALIFORNIA AS ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING REASON FOR PHILIPPINE PRESENCE IN U.S. NORTHWEST.
5. BELIEVE ROMUALDEZ WIDE DIPLOMATIC, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE PLUS CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATIONS WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS WILL HELP HIS RECOMMENDATION CARRY CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT.
6. REQUEST EMBASSY FOLLOW UP AT LEVEL HIGH ENOUGH TO OBTAIN FAVORABLE DECISION BY PRESIDENT AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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